Claim Amendments

Applicant has amended claims 1-4, 9-11, 15, 17-18, 25-27 and 31 and has cancelled claims 5-8, 12-14, 16, 19-24 and 28-30 without prejudice. Applicant sets forth below a complete listing of the claims with the corresponding status indicated for each claim.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for correcting colors in digital image space, the processing method comprising:

obtaining an image containing a specified a target test sheet comprising a plurality of regions, each region comprising a known color value;

ereating an using a digital camera to create a first digital image file containing said image of the target test sheet, the first digital image comprising a plurality of regions, each region comprising an acquired color value;

comparing the acquired color values to the known color values to align the regions of the target test sheet with the regions of the digital image

providing a profiling mechanism adapted to optionally check said image file for correct alignment with a target test sheet with information within said image file, said profiling mechanism matching colors of said image file with colors of said target test sheet using a transformation image algorithm; and

generating a profile to correct a color imbalance between the acquired color values and the known color values

creating a color corrected image profile for said image file.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said method further comprises transmitting said image profile.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said method further comprises using the digital camera to create a second digital image, and using said image profile to correct color in another image file a color balance of the second digital image.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 13, wherein said method further comprises using said image profile to correct contrast in another the second digital image file.

5-8. (Cancelled)

- 9. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said profiling mechanism checking said image file for correct alignment comparing further comprises checking for correct comparing an intensity of the acquired color values with an intensity of the known color values.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said profiling mechanism checking said image file for correct alignment comparing further comprises checking for correct comparing a hue of the acquired color values with a hue of the known color values.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein said transformation image algorithm matches colors of said image file with colors of said target test sheet using binary color coding such that each color value is represented by a unique binary number.

12-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein creating a color corrected image profile further comprisesing linking said color corrected image profile to a digital exhibit space.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, wherein creating a color corrected image profile further comprisesing saving said color corrected image profile for future viewing.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 1, further comprising uploading said <u>first digital</u> image file to a web site.

19-24. (Cancelled)

- 25. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 15, wherein creating a color corrected image profile further comprisesing accessing said digital exhibit space using access codes.
- 26. (Currently Amended) A method as in Claim 15, wherein creating a color corrected image profile further comprisesing accessing said digital exhibit space using a password.
- 27. (Currently Amended) An A digital image processing apparatus for automatically correcting colors in a digital image space, comprising:

a processor;

a profiling mechanism that operates under control of said processor;

a target test sheet <u>comprising</u> a <u>plurality of regions</u>, each <u>region comprising</u> a <u>known color value</u>;

an image acquisition device a digital camera for generating an a first digital image file for submission to said profiling mechanism of the target test sheet, the digital image comprising a plurality of regions, each region comprising an acquired color value; and

wherein said a profiling mechanism that operates under control of the processor optionally checks said image file for correct alignment with said target test sheet; to compare the acquired color values to the known color values to align the regions of the target test sheet with the regions of the digital image, and generate a profile to correct a color imbalance between the acquired color values and the known color values

said profiling mechanism comprising a transformation-image algorithm for matching colors of said image file with colors of said target test sheet and for creating a color corrected image profile for said submitted image file.

28-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as in Claim 30 27, wherein said profiling mechanism is integrated into said camera.